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**FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE IN BACHELOR
OF PSYCHOLOGY**

REST 412: PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION

STREAMS: BPSY (Y4 S1)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE : WEDNESDAY 22 /09/ 2021

8.30 AM – 10.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- Answer Question One and any other Two Questions.
- DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING on the question paper.

SECTION A

1. a) Identify the major components of magic and show that both magic and religion use persuasion as their tool of operation. [10 Marks]
- b) Explain the non-verbal channels of communication used in religion. Why would non-verbal approaches to God be more appealing than verbal approaches? [10 Marks]
- c) Discuss the psychological impacts and assumptions in religious prayer. [10 Marks]

SECTION B

2. Analyze either Carl Jung's or Sigmond Freud's view of psychology of religion. [20 Marks]
3. With reference to the psychologist Eric Erickson, describe the human developmental crisis. How can religion be useful in resolving such crisis? [20 Marks]

4. Either,

(a) Discuss the psychological forces behind the origin of religion as a human phenomena. [20 Marks]

Or,

b) Show that the term “conversion” is both a secular and sacred process in human behavior in crisis. [20 Marks]

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